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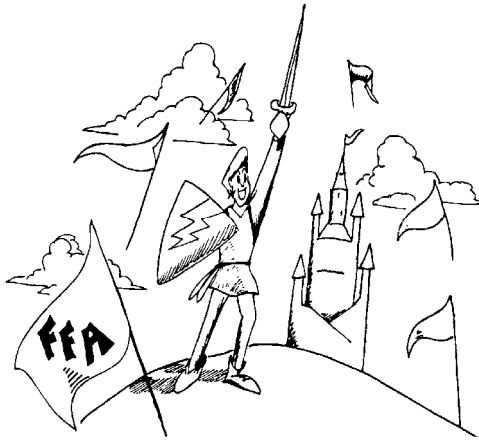
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Quest for Success

By Andrew Hager



Here ye, here ye. Lasses, lords, wenches, and serfs, you have been summoned to the 2005 Greenhand Conference at the Ramkota Inn held in Bismarck for a weekend of medieval madness. The only regulation is that you be a current Greenhand in the FFA. You will be trained in the knightly arts through various workshops. You will gain a better understanding of the FFA organization, be able to set goals for a group or for yourself, and get a better grasp on the opportunities you have as an FFA member.

The Next Step: Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development

By Jared Peterson

Now, I bet a lot of you older members wish you could go to Greenhand Conference again. All the fun, meeting new people, and developing your leadership skills through the FFA is just something you can't get enough of. Well, you're in luck, because, while you may be done with Greenhand Conference, our two other leadership conferences, Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development, allow you to continue what you started with Greenhand Conference.

The Made For Excellence Conference, or MFE, is designed for sophomores. At MFE, members will learn about the three pillars of excellence: talents, skills, and will, from past state and national FFA leaders.

The journey doesn't end at MFE. For juniors and seniors, the Advanced Leadership Development Conference, ALD, is put on by national FFA presenters. During this convention, members will participate in activities that explore different aspects of leadership, including teamwork and communication.

So for all the older members out there who want to keep advancing their skills in the FFA, remember to talk to your advisor right away, so you, too, can experience these great conferences.

2005 District Leadership Builds Leaders and Breaks Records

By Brooke Jameson

It's October 3rd, 2005, the beginning of the District Leadership Conferences! Since the day of our election, our state officer team had been looking forward to the week of travel, competition, and FUN! The officers of the west traveled to Minot, New England, Center, and Williston while the eastern officers traveled to Lakota, Wyndmere, Rugby, and Jamestown. The week presented its usual challenges, but also tested the advisors and state leaders by throwing a curve ball. For the first time...in a long time, District Leadership had to be POSTPONED due to weather, during the first week of October! However, not even a little snow could stop the chapters in District 3, 4, 7, and 8 as the conferences were re-scheduled to a later date. I do have to say, as frustrating as it was, the added "disaster" did help our team build some memories. I mean, who would have thought that we would have been stranded in the Econo-Lodge in Rugby without food or electricity for most of the day. (Or Doug's house, with electricity and plenty of food if you were on the western side of the state) Then of course, there were the snowball fights, snow angels, and burnt pizza too ☺. But, even though we had some mishaps and some very poor script reading (oops), I personally had a great time attending the conferences! It was such an awesome opportunity to meet all of you and watch as each and every participant succeeded in their events. Congratulations to everyone that participated in their respective District Leadership conference because even if you didn't earn a place at the state competition or receive a gold ribbon, you were still successful, as you did gain valuable skills that will help you succeed at so many things in the future. And last but certainly not least, an additional congratulations to the Chapters of the Day: Kenmare, Garrison, Maddock, Finley/Sharon, Wyndmere, Napoleon, New Salem, and New England.

Napoleon Is Parli-Pro Champion

By Robert Foertsch



Congratulations to the Napoleon FFA Chapter for being named the 2005 North Dakota State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Champions at the ND State Capitol Building on October 12th. Sixteen chapters and 96 students from around the state demonstrated their knowledge and ability to create a mock meeting simulation using the Parliamentary Procedure based on Robert's Rules of Order.

The Napoleon Chapter then traveled to the 78th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, where they competed against some of the best teams in the nation. The Napoleon team received a silver award. Congratulations to all the teams that competed, and a thank you to the

State Sponsor for this event, Pizza Corner of Valley City.

Give an Idea, Take an Idea

By Emily Steckler

Well it's that time of year again when we dig out the insulated coveralls, boots, hats, and gloves. It's the perfect time of year to throw a winter play day in your FFA chapter. Skiing, sledding, or ice skating are great activities. Although most of these activities require snow. So crank up the heat and beat the winter blues with a Hawaiian party. Put on a grass skirt and learn to hula with a tropical drink in your hand. Christmas is also just around the corner. Your chapter could pick some names off a giving Christmas tree and purchase some gifts for the less fortunate. Spruce up your community and go caroling. 'Tis the reason for the season! I hope you all stay warm and have a wonderful holiday season!



It Pays to Pay Your Dues...Literally!

By Robert Foertsch



\$15.00. What can you do with \$15.00? You could buy a new music CD, take your girl to the movies, purchase a half tank of gasoline, invest it into a college savings fund (although you'll need a lot more than \$15 for that, believe me), or buy 15 double cheeseburgers off of the Dollar Menu at McDonald's. Oh wait, here is an even better idea, become a member of your local FFA chapter. Why should you become an FFA member? Take my word for it; your dues will pay for itself.

This is all of the reasons why you should not pay your dues. See, the main problem is...oh wait, that isn't true. How about...no, that doesn't seem to work. Well, maybe...nope, this isn't a good reason. I'm either coming down with a bad case of writer's block, or perhaps there are absolutely no reasons why you shouldn't pay your dues. I'm leaning more toward that second answer.

Now let's look at why you should spend \$15 for FFA membership. The FFA always has a tendency to pay some money back to the members that become involved. I'm not implying that you should stay late after a dance and collect the change you can find on the floor. I'm talking about becoming involved in a Supervised Agricultural Experience project, working hard at Career Development Events, and applying for those collegiate scholarships through the State and National FFA. In 2005, North Dakota members received a total of \$74,861.30. That's right, almost 75 Thousand Dollars was earned by North Dakota members, just like you. Over \$18,000 was spent to send the state CDE winning teams to compete down at the National FFA Convention. \$5,600 was spent on scholarships for members to visit the National Capitol at the Washington Leadership Conference held each summer. \$4,900 went to the State Proficiency winners for their SAE programs. And finally, over \$28,000 dollars are helping pay the rising costs of college for members who simply filled out an application through the National FFA Organization. But there is one thing that all these members have in common. You guessed it; they paid their FFA dues.

\$74,861.30. What can you do with \$74,861.30? You could buy your own music studio, fly your girl and her entire family to New York City for some world-class food and entertainment (her parents would love you forever), purchase a full tank of gasoline for your brand new Porsche, pay for college, or buy 74,861 double cheeseburgers off of the Dollar Menu at McDonald's. If you buy that many burgers though, you might want to bring your Chevy pick-up along and fill up the box. Don't worry if you don't have a truck, I'm sure you can buy one of those, too.

Mott Ag Olympics

By Brooke Jameson

On September 24th 2005, five of the state officers ventured deep into the southern part of North Dakota where



Don't know who's in more pain, Hager or Steckler???

they would get the chance to flex their muscles (or lack there of) at the first Mott/Regent Ag Olympics. Andrew Hager, Robert Foertsch, Emily Steckler, Andrew Dosch, and Brooke Jameson made the trip and had the opportunity to spend the day with a handful of the Mott/Regent FFA members. After a fun filled morning of egg tossing, three-legged-racing, and Norwegian



skiing the officers presented a workshop and had a chance to eat lunch with the chapter officers. The five hour trip was so worth it! Hopefully next year, more chapters will get the chance to have as much fun as our team did at the

2nd Annual Mott/Regent Ag Olympics!

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FFA Day with the Timberwolves!

Join us for our annual FFA celebration when the Timberwolves take on the Memphis Grizzlies at Target Center!

Sunday, February 26th, 2:30 PM

TIMBERWOLVES VS. GRIZZLIES

Your \$24 package includes:

- One (1) \$24 Timberwolves-Grizzlies game ticket
- Pregame FFA Live Auction in the arena
- Pregame Q & A with a Timberwolves team personality
- Opportunity to shoot a free throw on the Timberwolves' court after the game

Additional details:

- \$5 from every ticket sold through this offer will benefit FFA.
- Order your tickets by **Friday, December 16th** for best locations and block seating. Tickets will go fast!



All tickets are subject to availability. Final order and payment due no later than 14 days prior to game date. After this deadline, all unused tickets will be released for public sale; all ticket discounts will be void and additional tickets must be purchased at face value. All orders must be received at least one week prior to game date to be mailed out. Tickets can be picked up at will call for orders received the week of the game.



FFA DAY ORDER FORM

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____
Email _____
FFA Chapter _____

CHECK PAYMENTS TO: Minnesota Timberwolves

CREDIT CARD: ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

_____ EXP _____

SIGNATURE _____

EVENT: WOLVES VS. GRIZZLIES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

TICKETS

\$24 packages: # _____ x \$24.00: \$ _____

+\$3.00 S/H

Total \$ _____

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403
OR FAX TO: 612.673.8362

Winter CDE Opportunities

By Jayme Fiesel

What do identifying purple loosestrife, determining market factors, evaluating the muscling of bulls, comparing the depth of gilts, shaking a prospective customer's hand, and making business cards all have in common? They are all parts of the winter CDE season, of course! Whether you enjoy crops, livestock, or sales the FFA has something for you this winter! The crops judging contest consists of finding defects in pan classes and rating the pans according to the extent of the defect, grading grain samples on paper, determining market factors of several crops, and seed and plant identification. The livestock judging event includes evaluation of six classes of animals, two each of sheep, swine, and beef, and presenting oral reasons to a judge on three of those classes. Finally, the ag sales CDE involves preparing a sales presentation on an agriculture related product and actually selling that product to a prospective customer (the judge). Also, a written test about sales is included. So, if you want to get out of the house on those wonderful, blustery Saturday mornings, or simply can't be without your FFA friends for more than a week, or want to meet a whole bunch of new people and travel across the state having an awesome time, talk to your advisor about joining the crops, livestock, or ag sales team today! A tentative contest schedule is listed below:

Dec. 10-11	NDSU Equine Workout
January 7	BSC Ag Roundup Crops, Livestock, and Ag Sales workout
January 14	Cannonball FFA Alumni—Elgin Livestock; Possible Ag Sales & Crops
February 4	Dickinson State University Roughrider Contests
February 4	Minot Rotary Contest—Ag Sales
February 10	Little I—NDSU—Crops, Livestock, and Ag Sales Contests
February 11	Kindred Contests
February 18	Rugby Contests
February 25	Turtle-Lake/Mercer Livestock, Crops, and Ag Sales Contests
March 4	Beulah Contests
March 4	Carrington FFA Alumni Contests
March 10-11	State Livestock, Crops, and Ag Sales Contest at the North Dakota Winter Show in Valley City

FFA Week Is February 18-25

By Jayme Fiesel

February seems like such a long time away, but don't let National FFA Week pass you by! The dates for this year's National FFA Week are February 18-25, and the theme is Living to Serve. FFA Week is the time to really let your chapter shine. What a great time to participate in community service projects to show the community how much you care. Several activities may be cleaning up the community, volunteering at a community event (like setting up tables), visiting the local nursing home, or leading a local food drive. Most people do not realize the diversity of the FFA or the importance of agriculture; therefore, why not conduct community-wide events such as an Ag Olympics or Ag Day, an open house in the ag ed department, radio spots or TV publicity, or a Food for America Program? FFA Week is also the perfect time to show supporters how much they are appreciated. Sending thank-you notes to sponsors or having pie and ice cream socials for teachers are just a couple of ideas. Ag trivia in school or another fun activity such as a bowling night or pizza party are possible ideas for members. The opportunities are endless, so be as creative as possible and start planning for FFA Week right away! The clock is ticking!



Winter Show

By Andrew Dosch

Between January and March is a big time for FFA chapters. That's right, judging season is upon us. Members will travel the state, endure freezing temperatures, and practice many hours to get to every judges dream. THE NORTH DAKOTA WINTER SHOW!! That's right the Winter Show is where chapters from across the state will go head-to-head in Ag Sales, Crops Judging, and Livestock Judging. Many will compete, but only one chapter will be chosen to represent North Dakota at National Convention in their respective contests.

While you're taking in the sights of the Winter Show don't forget the Career Show, Ag Booths, rodeo, and of course the dance. The Winter Show runs from March 10-18 with the FFA contests on the 17th and 18th. So start practicing and I'll see you in Valley City. Merry Christmas and God bless.

Range Judging

By Jared Peterson

This year, the State Range Judging Contest was held in Washburn, North Dakota, on September 24th. This year, North Dakota also hosted the five-state Old West Trail regional contest at the same place and time. The day was beautiful, with 60 individuals from 14 teams competing. Several teams from Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska also competed in the regional contest.



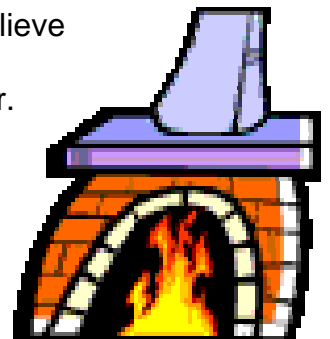
The gold teams in this years contest were Killdeer, Rhame, Lakota, Carrington, and Hebron. The winning team, which will be representing North Dakota at the national competition in May, was from the Hebron FFA Chapter, with team members Jordan Woroniecki, Erica Spangelo, Nicole Richardson, Nikki Fideldy, and Trish Schneider. Their advisor is Mr. Kevin Nelson. The high individual in the 2005 State Range Judging Contest was Jordan Woroniecki from Hebron.

Winter Blues?



Since the beginning of October until present day, I believe everyone across this great state of North Dakota has experienced the wrath of winter in one way or another. Don't let it get you down. When stuck indoors, make the most of your time. This is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your family, snuggled up in front of the fireplace eating popcorn, playing cards, watching movies, telling jokes, or just talking. Yes I

said talking; you know, let your family know what your likes and dislikes are, what you would change if you had the chance to do so, what's bugging you in school, what you really like about school, what scares you, what excites you, or just stuff in general. You'd be surprised how communication can bring a family closer. Try it. You might actually like it.





LIVING TO SERVE For Hurricane Relief

By Robert Foertsch

North Dakota citizens always show a high level of hospitality and friendliness to everyone we meet. Whether it is stopping on the side of the road to help someone with a flat tire, or helping a lost child find his parents in a grocery store, North Dakotans are always willing to help. However, there are times when the entire state needs to cooperate and work together for a major relief effort. This was necessary when Hurricane Katrina struck the southern coast of the United States early this fall.

According to the National FFA Website, www.ffa.org, "An estimated 120 FFA chapters and schools, 5,000 FFA members and their families, and about 150 agricultural education teachers have experienced severe damage or total destruction to their homes, facilities and school projects, including human and personal property loss." That is both more members and more chapters than the entire state of North Dakota has. However, we still saw this as an opportunity, not only to perfect our own leadership skills and bring this Midwestern state together, but also to assist in our responsibility, our duty, to members of our National Organization.

As a whole, with the help of the North Dakota FFA Foundation, 37 chapters in the state raised a total of \$9,466.88 to assist in this relief effort. All of these funds are going to help members and chapters that are no different than us. They are just members that want to develop their leadership potential and agricultural skills, and North Dakota members are making that possible.

The FFA Creed states that, "I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words, but of deeds." It is by these generous deeds of the North Dakota FFA chapters that many chapters in the South will have a future in agriculture.

For more information, or if you would like to make a donation, either contact your local FFA chapter, www.ffagive.org, or send me an e-mail at Robert.J.Foertsch.1@ndsu.edu.



Emily Steckler, ND FFA SW Region Vice President, handing check for \$4,680.17 to Allan Stenehem, Executive Director, from the Burleigh Morton Red Cross

Annual Tioga Farm Festival

By Andrew Dosch



On September 9th I had the opportunity to attend and participate in the annual Ag Olympics put on by the Tioga FFA in conjunction with the Tioga Farm Festival. Students from area chapters were present including, Tioga, Stanley, Killdeer, Kenmare, Trenton, and Powers Lake. They participated in a variety of games such as fence post skiing, wheelbarrow races, one-arm birdhouse building contest, tug-of-war, and arm wrestling just to name a few. We were also



very fortunate to have our Agricultural Commissioner Roger Johnson present. He talked to us about retaining North Dakota's youth by helping develop high tech and energy related jobs which will in turn help agriculture. Once again Mr. Schmidt and the Tioga FFA did an excellent job of putting this on. If the opportunity arises check out the Ag Olympics and the rest of the Tioga Farm Festival. Sponsors



for this event were Farm Credit Services, the Bank of North Dakota, and Mountrail-Williams REC.

National FFA Convention

By Andrew Hager

Ahh, National convention. This is quite possibly one of my favorite times as an FFA member. The speakers, National Officers, sessions, the FFA mall, contests, and all of those FFA members are enough to get anyone energized. It is also a time to make changes to our organization. Just as some of you serve as delegates at our State Convention, the officers and I served as delegates at the National FFA convention. These are issues that won't just be affecting North Dakota, but FFA members from all over the nation. We had to keep this in mind throughout the entire process. We discussed issues in preliminary hearings and then again on the discussion floor in Freedom Hall. We had long debates and heated discussion which just goes to show that we all have varying beliefs and viewpoints.

One of the issues that we discussed for a long time was the issue of updating official dress wording in the FFA manual to eliminate gender discrimination.

Essentially, this would allow females in the FFA to wear black slacks and have that considered "official dress". As a result of differing viewpoints,

the delegate body as a whole came to the agreement to change the wording to allow black slacks for females under special circumstances that will be outlined by the National FFA board.

Be looking out for those "special" circumstances in the updated FFA manual. Also adopted was a community service requirement to FFA degrees. We felt that community service is always a good thing and that most FFA members would already be partaking in plenty of community service activities to receive their various degrees. In addition, a new Biotechnology/Genetics CDE was approved, an American Heritage award program was established, the Work Experience Abroad Program was re-established, and the amount of dollars needed to attain the American FFA Degree was increased. Coming out of delegate sessions, the officers and I felt pretty good about what had transacted. The officer team put in quite a few hours and we just hope we've done what is best. If you have a comment on any of the issues, feel free to call or email us with questions. As a side note, I would just like to congratulate all the National competitors. North Dakota had a tremendous showing this year and you should all be very proud!

National Convention Highlights



Honorary American Degree
National FFA Convention
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Honorary American Degree Recipients

Bridgette Readle, Sales Representative Dow Agrosience;
Wade Moser, Executive Vice President ND Stockmen's Association;
Wade Anderson, Agriculture Instructor Harvey High School;
Kevin Nelson, Agriculture Instructor Hebron High School

National Convention Highlights Proficiency National Finalists



National Finalist
Seth Schulz,
Carrington FFA



National Winner
Brad Fritel,
Rugby FFA



National Finalist
Robert Foertsch,
Wyndmere FFA
AND
National Winner
Agriscience Student
Of the Year



National Winner
Neil Veen,
Carrington FFA



National Finalist
Lee Copenhaver,
Carrington FFA



National Finalist
Derek Beckley,
Carrington FFA

National CDE Results

Ag Communications – Kenmare – 10th – Silver
Ag Mechanics – Mohall – 6th – Gold
Ag Sales – Kindred – 5th – Gold
Agronomy – Carrington – 11th – Silver
Creed – Carissa Suter, Beulah – Silver
Dairy Cattle Evaluation – Harvey – 23rd – Silver
Dairy Cattle Handler's – Paul Just, Wishek, Silver
Dairy Foods – Carrington – 12th – Gold
Farm Management – Napoleon – 7th – Gold

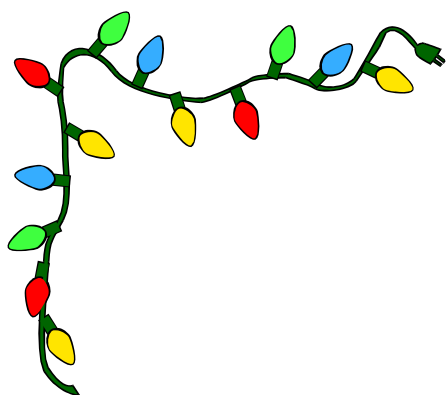
Floriculture – Minot – 19th – Silver
Food Science – Richland 44 – 7th – Gold
Horse – Killdeer – 21st – Silver
Livestock – Carrington – 13th – Gold
Meats – Minot – 15th – Silver
Nursery/Landscape – Minot – 11th – Gold
Parli Pro – Napoleon – Silver
Prepared Speaking – Jayme Fiesel, Harvey – Bronze

42 American Degree's Awarded at National Convention

Steve Hoepfner, Beulah
Daniel Kaffar, Beulah
Mark Kaffar, Beulah
Adam Little, Bottineau
Amy Nolan, Carson
Casey Morris, Des Lacs/Burlington
Rylan Sundsbak, Des Lacs/Burlington
Paige Haugland, Divide County
Brooks Hetle, Grant County
David Presler, Gackle/Streeter
Bruce Sukut, Gackle/Streeter
Whitney Brag, Kindred
Mike Nims, Lisbon
Stacilyn Rotenberger, Lisbon
Buck Hollenbeck, McClusky
Travis Pfennig, McClusky
Daniel Oberholtzer, Mohall
John Smetana, Mohall
Joshua DeMorret, Rhame
Nathan Blessum, Rugby
Julie Kramer, Rugby

Daniel Lee, Rugby
Ryan Mantei, Rugby
Blake Schaan, Rugby
Cody Schmitt, Rugby
Steve Wentz, Rugby
Jason Roise, Stanley
Mindy Lee Goodman, Towner
Kolena Johnson, Towner
Tyler Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Stephanie Lee, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Alissa Lick, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Nicole Swanson, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Katie Althoff, Wahpeton
Aaron Mohs, Wahpeton
Loren Jacobson, Watford City
Riston Zielke, Wishek
Brandon Quam, Wyndmere
Thomas Schmit, Wyndmere
John Score, Wyndmere
Bobby Volesky, Wyndmere
Nichole Vosberg, Wyndmere

Seasons Greetings from your State Staff



Steve

Doug

Brenda



Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas



What do Our State FFA Boy's & Girl's want for Christmas?

Brooke Jameson (President):

- 1) To regain the title of champion of the scenery game.
- 2) No more puns, mushrooms, spiders, or people jumping out from behind trees with video cameras and scaring me on video tape.
- 3) Super sweet dance skills for the Winter Leadership dance.
- 4) A car that works and gets like a gazillion miles per gallon
- 5) Official dress shoes that don't hurt

Andrew Dosch (NWVP):

- 1) A date with Lindsay Lohan
- 2) Tickets to the George Strait concert
- 3) A new Chevy or Dodge pickup
- 4) A case of No Fear energy drinks
- 5) A shopping spree at Corral West

Jared Peterson (NEVP):

- 1) A dog-proof FFA jacket (don't ask)
- 2) More Snow!!!!
- 3) Large, leather-bound books
- 4) Sleep
- 5) 28 hour days

Robert Foertsch (Ambassador):

- 1) A Box of Crop Judging Plant Mounts
- 2) Sleep
- 3) 500 More Business Cards
- 4) A Mushroom, Onion, and Swiss Hamburger
- 5) \$300 Fuel Gift Card

Andrew Hager (Secretary):

- 1) My own dairy cow
- 2) Some new boots
- 3) Gas Cards
- 4) Milk
- 5) Some sweet t-shirts

Emily Steckler (SWVP):

- 1) Front Row George Strait Concert Tickets
- 2) Red Longbox 2006 Cummins 1-ton Dodge Dually Mega cab w/all the options.
- 3) Shiny Black Grand Piano
- 4) Two Week Cruise to Australia with my family
- 5) Life time supply of Lefse, Oreos, and Black Licorice

Jayne Fiesel (SEVP):

- 1) TICKETS TO THE GEORGE STRAIT CONCERT IN FARGO!!!!!!!
- 2) TICKETS TO THE GEORGE STRAIT CONCERT IN FARGO!!!!!!!
- 3) TICKETS TO THE GEORGE STRAIT CONCERT IN FARGO!!!!!!!
- 4) The "Pure Country" Movie
- 5) A strawberry shake



Alumni News



18th ANNUAL ND FFA ALUMNI ANNUAL MEETING

YOU ARE INVITED

All members of the North Dakota FFA Alumni Association are invited to the 18th Annual ND FFA Alumni Meeting. The Annual Meeting is for ALL Alumni members, not just Alumni delegates and Council Members. Each Alumni is suppose to have two or more official delegates. The meeting will be held at the Ramkota Hotel, Governor's Room, Bismarck in conjunction with the MFE/ALD and Greenhand Conference on Saturday, January 7, 2006. This will be a great opportunity to observe quality FFA leaders in action. Award applications will be due at this time. I'll get information about the awards mailed out in December along with the rosters.

This would be a good time for interested alumnus to get involved. The meeting will provide North Dakota FFA Alumni members with fellowship activities as well as an opportunity for business discussions that will help to mold the future of the ND FFA Alumni Association. We look forward to your attendance! Feel free to bring a guest or guests! If you have any questions contact Larry Ulrich at 701-584-2573 or e-mail at ldulrich@westriv.com.

The ND FFA Alumni would like to welcome all FFA members to MFE/ALD and Greenhand Conference to be held on January 7 & 8, 2006 at the Ramkota Motel in Bismarck.

MFE/ALD students should sharpen their Alumni/FFA knowledge for the triva quiz---cash prizes will be awarded. Greenhand Conference students will have a scavenger hunt to participate in. Cash prizes will also be given to the winners.

Thanks to all who donated items and also to the buyers at the FFA Foundation/FFA Alumni Auction in July.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M.: Registration-Governors Room-Ramkota
10:00 A.M.: General Session
Noon: Lunch
1:00 P.M.: Annual Business Meeting
2:25 P.M.: MFE and ALD Quiz Contest
3:05 P.M.: State Executive Council Meeting
5:00 P.M.: Greenhand Scavenger Hunt
6:30 P.M.: FFA and FFA Alumni Banquet
Alumni Social to follow

ANNUAL MEETING FEES:

The FFA and FFA Alumni Banquet cost is \$13.00 per person. You can register in advance with your local FFA Advisor or pay for it at registration. We need an accurate headcount by noon on Saturday, January 7th.

Alumni members staying overnight that would like to attend a buffet breakfast Sunday morning at the Ramkota can also register on Saturday. The cost for the buffet is \$9.00.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The ND FFA is not handling room reservations again this year. The Alumni meetings will be held in the same place as last year, just the names of the hotels have changed. The Alumni meetings are at the Ramkota Hotel on south 3rd Street, their phone number is 258-7700. The ALD Conference is at the new Radisson (formerly the Holiday Inn) downtown. That phone number is 255-6000.

Hope to see you in Bismarck!

Alumni Executive Council

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Tom Ross
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Bowman County

Gary Wald,
Maddock

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Bottineau

Don Nygaard,
Finley/Sharon

Mara Glasow,
Kindred

Glen Huettl,
Garrison

Richard Berndt,
Towner

Mary Boehm,
Richland 44

Rod Romeriem,
Wahpeton

Jimmy Haberman,
Wyndmere

Myron Johs,
Lisbon

Bruce Bachmeier,
Carrington

Kathy Tokach,
Mandan

Steve Laib,
McClusky

Wanted

Help start an FFA Alumni Chapter in your community. The ND FFA Alumni will be sponsoring \$150 to FFA Chapters who help establish a new FFA Alumni Affiliate in their community. The money should be used to present a scholarship to the FFA member(s) who played a significant part in getting the affiliate started.

What can your Chapter gain from an Alumni Chapter?

Alumni Achievement Award – Three \$100 Awards
Washington Leadership Scholarship
Help with local contest teams
Chaperone FFA Trips

What does the ND FFA Alumni Association do for the FFA in N.D.?

Host the State FFA Alumni/Foundation Auction at the NDSF
Scavenger Hunt for FFA Greenhand Conference
Trivia Quiz at Made for Excellence
State Land Judging Contest
National Band and Chorus trip sponsors
Sponsor Career Development Events State winners

How can we start an Alumni Affiliate? (How Do I Get \$150?)

Talk to your FFA Advisor or advisory committee
Contact Don Nygaard to help set up a meeting
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Collect State and National dues from a minimum of ten members
Submit a roster to State Alumni Secretary prior to the ND Winter Show or bring to Winter Show
Have an Alumni member attend State meeting at the Winter Show
Pick up your check at the State FFA Convention in Fargo

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